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This Preliminary Amendment is filed with the filing of the missing parts in the above case, which claims priority from an application filed in Germany as 101 10 358.1 on 27 February 2001. The fees for the claims should be calculated based on the claims remaining after the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, which results in 70 total and 8 independent claims. Because the initial specification filed was in German and a verified translation is provided herewith, a substitute specification under 37 CFR §1.125 is provided instead of a clean copy of the amendments made below.

The specification as filed has been altered from the literal translation document received to delete information above the title, to insert headings according to US practice, and to insert paragraph numbering in lieu of line numbering. No new matter has been added.

New drawing pages are enclosed to provide translation of the German legends on the drawings as initially filed.

After the heading “CLAIMS” and before the beginning of the claims, please insert the words: -- What is claimed is: --

Please amend the claims as follows:

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